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1. TWO COPENHAGEN PAPERS COMMEN EDITORIALY TODAY ON NIXON'S
DECISION ON ABM SYSTEM. POLITIKEN SAYS QUOTE NIXON HAS MADE
VERY DECISION WHICH WAS EXPECTED, AND FEARED BY SOME. FROM
BEGINNING OF HIS CAREER HE HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT HE IS NOT
STRONGER THAN HIS PREDECESSOR IN HIS (JOHNSON'S) WEAKEST
MOMENTS... WHETHER ONE WILL RECOGNIZE IT IN U.S. OR NOT
DECISION IS FURTHER BLOW TO NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY... REAL
REASON FOR DECISION MUST BE PRESIDENT'S FEAR. ONE FAILS TO
SEE NEW NIXON, ONLY OLD INSECURE AND WEAK POLITICIAN. IS IT
VIETNAM WAR WHICH MAKES HIM WEAK TO PENTAGON'S DEMANDS?...
TOP MEETING U.S.-SOVIET UNION IS BECOMING URGENT UNQUOTE.

2. BERLINGSKE TIDENDE QUOTE DECISION INDICATES THERE IS STILL
LONG WAY TO JALI SLOWDOWN OF ARMAMENT RACE. DECISION DID
NOT COME UNEXPECTED AND REPRESENTED CONSIDERABLE MODIFICATION
OF HARD LINE NIXON HAD TAKEN DURING ELECTION CAMPAIGN... RISK
BY DECISION IS THAT IT MAY ENTAIL SOVIET WORRY THAT SOVIET UNION
MAY BE LATE AGAIN (FALLING BEHIND IN MISSILE RACE). THEREFORE
NEGOTIATIONS TO CONTROL ARMAMENTS ARE BECOMING URGENT UNQUOTE.
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